



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Application No.: 10/716,512 Examiner: D. YEE

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For: **MICROALLOYED STEEL EASY TO SEPARATE BY  
FRACTURE SPLITTING AT LOW TEMPERATURE AND  
FITTING MEMBER PRODUCED THROUGH SEPARATION  
BY FRACTURE SPLITTING AT LOW TEMPERATURE**

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**OF JANUARY 3, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the Office Action dated January 3, 2006 in the above application wherein claims 1-7 are finally rejected.

A petition to extend the period of reply by one month is concurrently filed.

In view of the following remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the pending application in accordance with the following particulars.

**In the Claims**

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application and is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.